

JAN. 7, 1787

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DELAWARE 1ST
STATE TO BE
ADMITTED TO
UNION

1787

Toward end of Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, George Mason proposed that a bill of rights preface the Constitution. His proposal was defeated 10 states to none.

Dec 7, 1787

Delaware became the 1st state
to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Dec 12, 1787

Pennsylvania became the
second state to ratify the U.S.
Constitution

Dec. 18, 1787

New Jersey became the 3rd
state to ratify the U.S.
Constitution.

Oct 27, 1787

The first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the U.S. Constitution was published in a New York newspaper.

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Delegates to Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia gathered for last time at State House (now Independence Hall)

The new Constitution, professionally copied out on parchment, lay on a small bays - covered table at the front of the room. (Silver casket + newly trimmed goose quill)

Benjamin Franklin (at 81 had another read

his words. He did not approve all the
constitution, but he signed. Only 3 present
refused to sign. One of them was George Mason
He was 62 - large Virg. land holdings.

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James Madison became the
Principal architect of the
U.S. Constitution.

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1706-1790 Benjamin FRANKLIN

"Poor Richard's Almanac" (1732-1757)

"Essays"

Scientific, moral and Ethical papers
by Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

1723 to Philadelphia

1753-1774 Deputy postmaster general
of the Colonies

1761 - Commissioner to negotiate peace

1787 Attended Federal Constitutional Convention
Autobiography

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Franklin was a member
of the Constitutional Convention
in 1787

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in Constitutional Convention

Virginia cast 10th affirmative
vote

Anti federalists in Va

George Mason

Richard Henry Lee

James Monroe

Patrick Henry

Federalists from Va

George Washington

James Madison

George Wythe

John Marshall